(b) if so, the financial assiistance provided for the purpose during 1991-92 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a)and (b). The Central Government is not implementation any specific scheme for providing financial assistance to incrrease area under banana plantation. However, under Elite Progeny Orchard scheme implemented through State Farms Corporation of India, banana suckers are supplied to the growers. The scheme covers multiplication and supply of planting material for different fruits including banana, coconut, cashenut and vegetable seeds. An amount of Rs. 60 lakh has been provided during 1991-92.

Integrated Horticultural Development Programme

5795. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places identified by the World Bank for the implementation of Integrated Horticultural Development Programme in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the time by which this programme is likely to be launched; and

(c) the criteria adopted for the implementation of the said programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no project under implementation for Integrated Horticultural Development in Madhya Pradesh with the assistance of World Bank.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

National Research Centre for Banana

5796. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a national Research Centre for banana in Madhya Predesh;

(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) the research work undertaken to further increase the production of banana in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Financial support for strengthening research on banana in Madhya Pradesh has been extended to Jawaharlal Nehru Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur under the National Agriculture Research Project. The Nimar Valley of Khndwa has been identified as the area for further research in banana.

Soil Testing Laboratories

5797. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Gujarat were soil testing laboratories are located; and

(b) the number of soil samples analysed in Gujarat during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement is enclosed

(b) Approximate number of smaples analysed during last three years are as follows: